

The Daily Dispatch

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TODAY'S TOP NEWS

PSEi breaks 9000 barrier for the first time

The Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) hit another milestone by breaking past the 9000 mark for the first time. The PSE Index (PSEi) ended trading on Friday, January 26 at 9,041.20, up by 42.03 points or 0.5% from yesterday's close with all indexes up save for financials and mining and oil.

UnionBank sees 2017 net income drop by 16.4%

Aboitiz-led UnionBank of the Philippines (UnionBank) saw its net income drop 16.4% on lower trading gains on the year. In a disclosure to the stock exchange on Friday, January 26, UnionBank said it saw a net income of P8.42 billion in 2017 compared to the P10.07 billion recorded last year.

Solar PH offers to supply much lower rates

Solar Philippines said it is challenging the offer of First NatGas Power Corp. for Manila Electric Co.'s 24/7 power supply. Solar Philippines said in a statement it submitted an offer for 24-hour power at P2.99 per kwh in response to Meralco's invitation for price challenge for an unsolicited offer by First NatGas Power Corp.

Razon offers to acquire 16-ha Solaire casino lot

Enrique Razon Jr. has offered to acquire the 16-hectare property in Entertainment City where his Solaire operates, Casino operator Bloomberry Resorts Corp. said in a disclosure to the stock exchange wholly owned unit Sureste Properties Inc. submitted a bid to state-owned PAGCOR to purchase the property.

Metro Pacific to borrow P36b to build two roads

MPTC is raising about P36 billion in the first quarter of the year to finance the construction of two new expressways. MPTC chief financial officer Christopher Lizo said the company would borrow P25 billion from local banks to build Cavite Laguna Expressway and another P11 billion to construct C5 South Link Expressway Project.

Philippine Stock Market Update



Previous Close:

9,051.75

Open:

9,041.20

52-Week Range:

7,146.27-9,078.37

1 Yr Return:

25.17%

YTD Return:

4.75%

Source:

Bloomberg

Foreign Exchange

As of Jan. 26, 2018

US Dollar	Philippine Peso
1	50.900

PDST-R2 Rates

As of Jan. 26, 2018

Tenor	Rate
1Y	3.0439
3Y	4.1575
5Y	4.6850
7Y	5.4236
10Y	6.0421
20Y	6.3536

Daily Quote

"People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost." --Dalai Lama

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MORE LOCAL NEWS

DOTr expects Mactan-Cebu airport terminal to open

The Department of Transportation said the construction of the new Mactan Cebu International Airport is on track for opening in June this year. The agency said the new world-class passenger terminal building in MCI A was now 89-percent complete and would open for commercial operations in June.

Revolution Precrafted sets sight on global stage

The Philippines found its first unicorn in 2017, when Revolution Precrafted, a provider of prefabricated properties – homes, condos, pavilions, hotels, among others – raised an undisclosed Series B funding round that valued the company at over \$1 billion.

Security Bank, MUFG to help promote Philippines

The BOI has entered into a partnership with Security Bank Corp. and Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Ltd. (MUFG) to promote investments in the Philippines. SBC and MUFG have agreed to jointly assist in fostering economic and industrial linkages between investors and corporations by conducting various investment seminars and business-

More hotels needed in provinces

The Department of Tourism (DOT) is urging foreign investors to enter the provincial hotel market to address the growing accommodation gap. Tourism Secretary Wanda Corazon Teo said foreign investors, particularly the Chinese, continue to express interest in doing business in the country.

Italpinas lines up projects for this year

Listed certified green developer Italpinas Development Corp. has lined up several projects for this year including the completion and turnover of phase 1 of Primavera City, a mixed-used project in Cagayan de Oro.

Resto chain targets to roll out 80 stores by Q1

The Bistro Group is targeting to roll out as much as 80 new stores by the end of this quarter as part of its ongoing expansion program. Jean Paul Manuud, President and COO, revealed this expansion program after the restaurant operator ended 2017 on a high note, which saw the opening of more branches in December.

Economic team approves two railway projects

The Duterte administration's economic managers approved the implementation of the two proposed railway projects for Metro Manila, while the Department of Finance (DOF) is still studying San Miguel Corp.'s unsolicited proposal to build a new airport.

DoF cautious on firms' income tax cut

THE DEPARTMENT of Finance (DoF) will ensure that state coffers will not suffer unduly as it seeks to give the Philippines a better chance of bagging foreign investments by cutting the corporate income tax rate to the level of many of its competitors.

Cirtek to spend up to \$8M for capacity expansion

CIRTEK HOLDINGS Philippines Corp. will be spending up to \$8 million in capital expenditures (capex) in 2018 to further support its expansion and meet the supply requirements of its recent acquisitions.

TODAY'S TOP ASIAN NEWS

CH sees obstacles to repairing ties with JPN

China and Japan emphasized the need to improve relations as the countries' foreign ministers met in Beijing amid a backdrop of lingering territorial disputes and the challenge posed by North Korea. Relations between China and Japan have been frosty since a 2012 crisis over disputed islands in the East China Sea.

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Coincheck to repay users who lost money in hack

Coincheck said Sunday it will use its own capital to reimburse customers who lost money in Friday's US\$400 million theft. The Tokyo-based company will repay all 260,000 users impacted by the theft of NEM coins, at a rate of 88.549 yen (82 U.S. cents) for each coin, according to a statement posted on its website after midnight local time on

COPE Private Equity exits Serba Dinamik

Malaysia-headquartered COPE Private Equity (that was earlier known as CMS Opus Private Equity) Monday said it had fully exited Serba Dinamik Holdings Berhad (Serba), after staying invested in the company for four years.

GMF AeroAsia to raise \$59m in new share sale

Indonesia's PT Garuda Maintenance Facility AeroAsia said on Friday it would sell 2.34 billion new shares at a minimum price of 336 rupiah a piece in a share sale. The company, a unit of flag carrier PT Garuda Indonesia, said in a statement it could raise 785.48 billion rupiah (\$59.03 million) in the offering of the 8.28% stake.

Hinduja Leyland Finance looks to revive IPO plan

The vehicle financier, which first filed its draft red herring prospectus with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) in March 2016, planned to raise Rs500 crore of primary capital, according to the draft share sale documents. Investor Everstone Capital also planned to sell a part of its stake through the IPO.

Naluri Hidup closes \$258k seed round from BioMark

Malaysia-based digital health startup Naluri Hidup has raised approximately RM1 million (\$258,570) in seed financing from Singapore-based healthcare analytics firm BioMark and Silicon Valley's 500 Startups through its Southeast Asia-focussed fund, 500 Durians.

TODAY'S TOP GLOBAL NEWS

Murdoch to do things his way at the new Fox

Today Lachlan Murdoch is the subject of more speculation in media circles than he ever was before. While his father, now 86, has groomed him for the top job, Lachlan has never independently run anything as big and complicated as what is being billed as the "new Fox." He now seems all but certain to assume the helm.

Dell has 49 billion reasons to go public

When Michael Dell led a group taking his company private four years ago, he extolled the virtues of shading the company from the scrutiny of the public markets. Now he's considering taking the computer maker public again.

Hawkish-tilting Fed could move rates quicker

The Federal Reserve likely will leave the benchmark US interest rate untouched this week, but economists say the changing composition of the policy committee could point to faster rate hikes in 2018.

Swedish IKEA founder Kamprad dies at 91

Billionaire IKEA founder Ingvar Kamprad, who turned a business he launched as a teenager into one of the world's best known furniture brands, has died at the age of 91, the Swedish company said on Sunday.

Economic Calendar

Date	Release
01.04.2018	PH: CPI YoY
01.04.2018	PH: CPI NSA MoM
01.04.2018	PH: CPI Core YoY
01.18.2018	PH: Budget Balance Php
01.23.2018	PH: GDP Annual YoY

Source: Bloomberg Economic Calendar